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SUBJECT: BONA FIDES: GAMMA EQUIPMENT CORPORATION

REF: VELLETTA 1002

1. GAMMA EQUIPMENT CORP., 253 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NY
10007 HEADED BY MR. MICHEL M. D'ORMIGNY ACTS THROUGH
MAGHREBIAN SERVICE CORP. (MSC), SAME ADDRESS, AS AGENT
FOR SEVERAL US AND EU
OPEAN FIRMS, SUCH AS J.I. CASE,
TENNECO, BROS, AMERICAN HOSITS, DROTT, BARREROS.; MSC ALSO
OWNS 3 FIRMS AT SAME ADDRESS, RUE PIERRE CHARRON, PARIS,
FRANCE: TTECHNIN. WHICH PREPARES ENGINEERLNG STUDIES FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT PLANTS, SUGAR FACTORIES, ETC.,

WHICH SELLS CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; AND SINTEX,
WHICH DEALS IN PARE PARTS. ANOTHER FIRM, DELTA S.A.,
93 ST. DENIS, FRANCE, ACTS AS AGENT IN EUROPE AND AFRICA.

2. ACCORDING TO MR. ANDRE MAIAGE, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF
MSC, MSC IS ACTIVE IN TUNISIA, WHERE IT HAS RECENTLY
BOUGHT A COMPANY CALLED INTERNATIONALLGARAGE, IN PARTNER-
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SHIP WITH TWO TUNISIANS WHO CONTROL 51 PERCENT AND MSC
49 PERCENT. IN ALGERIA, MSC HAS ANOTHER FIRM CALLED
SAVIG; AND IN LIBYA AND MALTA, IT IS NEGOTIATING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A CEMENT PLANT, AND IN SAUDI ARABIA THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A SLAUGHTER HOUSE.

3. MR. MARIAGE OFTEN TRAVELS TO THESE COUNTRIES WITH
MR. D'ORMIGNY TO PROSPECT THE MARKET AND FOLLOW UP ON
POTENTIAL PROJECTS. LOCALLY, THEY HAVE SOLD A CRANE TO THE TUNISIAN
GOVERNMENT, THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN TUNISIA.

4. EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO FIND ABOVE COMPANIES IN NY
ZPHONE BOOK. LOCAL BANKS HAD NOTHING UNFAVORABLE TO
REPORT ON THIS FWRM. EMBA SY COUNLDN'T DEVELOP MUCH
INFO ON THIS NEW FIRM; PERHAPS PARIS OR USDOC FIELD
OFFICE IN NY COULD OFFER FURTHER INFORMATION.
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